



## Carlsbad Police Department

# PRESS RELEASE

<b>CRIME/INCIDENT:</b>	187 (a) PC Murder	<b>CASE:</b>	09-2339
<b>DATE:</b>	04-04-2009	<b>TIME:</b>	2215
<b>LOCATION:</b>	3300 Madison		
<b>SUSPECT 1:</b>	Javier Lopez	<b>AGE:</b>	19
<b>SUSPECT 2:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	
<b>VICTIM 1:</b>	Juan Carlos Balderas	<b>AGE:</b>	21
<b>VICTIM 2:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	

**SUMMARY:**

On April 4, 2009 at 2010 hours Carlsbad Police responded to the area of Madison Street and Chestnut Avenue regarding gunshots heard in the area.

Carlsbad officers arrived on scene and began checking the area. A short time later a Carlsbad officer located the victim in the 3300 block of Madison Street. The victim appeared to be suffering from a gunshot wound.

The victim was pronounced deceased by responding paramedic units.

The investigation is ongoing.

**UPDATE:**

Carlsbad Police detectives arrested Javier Lopez on April 5, 2009. Evidence and witness statements led to the arrest of Lopez. Initial investigation indicates that the homicide is gang related. Lopez is an affiliate of an Encinitas gang.

**UPDATE:**

Two additional suspects have been arrested in connection with this homicide case:

**Name:** Jose Barraza **Age:** 26

**Name:** Victor Lopez **Age:** 20

Anyone who may have witnessed the crime is urged to call the Carlsbad Police Department at 760 931 2197.

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